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Rev. F. S. Henderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Beaumont, Texas, was here last Sunday and preached at the First Presbyterian church in this city. Rev. Henderson is anxious, we are informed, to live in this section of the country.

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SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF A DANGEROUS SITUATION.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 20, 1920.
Hon. Fred. W. Davis,
Commissioner of Agriculture,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:
One of the most vital questions affecting the welfare of humanity is the price of foodstuffs. Until foodstuffs decline and thus bring a reduced cost of living, I cannot see that there can be any material decline in labor's wages or in the cost of other operations.

The decrease of about 25 per cent in the acreage of winter wheat and rye and the word which comes to us from many parts of the South as to the great decrease in acreage because of the scarcity of labor are typical signs, indicating, I fear, a very great decreased production in foodstuffs of all kinds.

For years the Manufacturers Record has warned the country that there would inevitably be a rise in the cost of foodstuffs. We took this position long before the war. In former years the farm interests of the country never received a fair share of the enormous profits of the country, and farm labor was never adequately paid. Under present conditions the scarcity of labor is so great and prices so high that I cannot see any possible increase but rather a decrease in the acreage of most crops. This will mean continued high prices for grain and cotton and provisions.

It seems to me that this situation should receive a thorough study on the part of the business interests of the country and of the Federal Government. I do not look for any change for the better until the building of good highways has made farm life more attractive, has stopped the tendency of country population to concentrate in the cities, and has made motor truck and automobile transportation feasible everywhere and thus lessened the cost of handling goods of all kinds between the farm and the city.

I am asking every commissioner of agriculture for their views on this situation. I shall greatly appreciate a letter anywhere from two to three hundred words giving your views on the conditions and outlook as you see it.

Very truly yours,
RICHARD H. EDMONDS,
Editor.
STATE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

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MENT. Austin, Texas, Jan. 28, 1920.

Mr. Richard H. Edmonds,
Editor Manufacturers Record,
Baltimore, Md.

My Dear Sir:
It is with pleasure that I reply to your recent request to express my views upon the present situation of our country as it relates to high prices, and rural life generally.

Our present dilemma, in my opinion, had its inception in a great fundamental error. When land was cheap and virgin, and wild life, forests and grasses were abundant, we builded artificially, both as to education and economics. Productive pursuits were considered not only commonplace, but almost menial. Children were taught that the higher purposes of life were to be found in callings other than production. Thus country life was systematically robbed of the brightest minds. Youths of keenness and ambition were taught to seek professional or business careers, and schools were established everywhere to satisfy this ambition, with courses of study arranged for the same purposes. Schools therefore, and even parents, for generations advertised careers which created an exodus from the country to the city.

I will not take the space to follow the results of such efforts. Suffice to say we are reaping some of the fruits of them now—more harvests I fear are to follow. It has, generally speaking, resulted in organized trained

production on the other. Men who shunned the monotony of the farm for the activity of the city never gave any concern about where their necessities came from. They took it as a matter of course. And so long as home necessities constituted the major needs and the desires of producers it was of no consequence, for those who followed production were reasonably well satisfied. But as the country developed and life became more complex, the wants, and even necessities of the country people multiplied. Now since consumers greatly outnumber producers, production has become a business and is followed for the purpose of making a profit. Farmers have the responsibility of the greatest business on earth on their hands, without business organization or training. Failing to reap anything but losses, economic necessity is sending many to town, and thus the movement cityward continues.

The high cost of living, which is commanding the attention of so many people, is due primarily to two causes which were an outgrowth of this false teaching, and business failure of producers. One reason is an unnecessary and unreasonable number of people engaged in handling our produce, caused by the movement from the country to town. The other reason is the cupidity of man, which has caused some of the shrewdest and best trained minds to exact profits far beyond their possible needs or the bounds of common justice. In my opinion, the conscienceless profiteers are more to blame for our present unrest than any other one factor. Their acts of greed breed Bolshevists faster than our officials can run them down. They are doubly dangerous because they are possessed of extraordinary intellects.

While I have studied a great deal on remedies for the two causes of high prices just mentioned, the length of this article will not permit of a discussion of them.

Now, to get back to the situation as affected by production. I am going to submit a summary comment because space will not allow discussion.

Make our educators come down out of the clouds and teach the coming citizens how to meet the responsibilities of life as they find it, laying stress upon rural life.

Reduce by some fair means the number of handlers of life's necessities.

Hang, imprison, or deport all inhuman profiteers the same as anarchists or Bolshevists.

We must recognize that rural isolation is broken permanently; that a reasonable share of the comforts and

pleasures of the city must be available to the country people.

We must realize that good roads are necessary for the business of the country; and that we must think of these business necessities more than we do of the comfort of tourists—pleasure seekers when we construct our good roads.

That it is not the moral or patriotic duty of any particular set of people to produce at a loss in order that all others who elect to follow their chosen lines of business may have food and raiment.

We must realize that permanent organization of producers is absolutely necessary for permanent, prosperous agriculture, and it must be accomplished, regardless of the necessary cost.

Make production pay equal to any other great and necessary business. If the consuming public are unwilling to concede sufficient profits to producers to induce them to produce an abundance, they pull the house down on themselves.

We should not expect producers to meet more fully the demands of the world for food and clothing if speculators are permitted to turn large crops into liabilities instead of assets.

Sincerely yours,
FRED W. DAVIS,
Commissioner.

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